

Community Update *Superfund Program*



Smithtown Groundwater Contamination Smithtown, New York

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CURRENT NEWS

This fact sheet provides the most recent activities that have occurred at the Smithtown Groundwater Contamination Superfund site.

Over the past several months EPA has conducted a comprehensive evaluation of the Smithtown site called the Remedial Investigation /Feasibility Study (RI/FS).

****The RI process entailed the collection of groundwater, surface water, sediment and hydrogeological data. In doing so, EPA constructed and tested 28 wells in the Smithtown area. So far, the 28 wells are showing no contamination or very little.**

****The FS identified and evaluated alternative methods to cleanup the contamination.**

Approximately 50 ??? homes were visited, and tap or well water were collected as part of the ongoing groundwater investigation. Results from well water samples showed one residential well having PCE concentrations above the federal and New York State maximum contaminant level (MCL)). The MCL is a threshold of concern, above which a contaminant may pose a health risk from long term exposure. The federal and New York State MCL for PCE is 5 parts per billion (ppb). This home has been notified

and placed on public water by the EPA.

Syed please mention something about any other home that was above or below the MCL.

On-going investigation

EPA is still continuing its investigation, however; due to the sporadic spread of PCE contamination in the Smithtown area, EPA has not been able to pinpoint where the contamination is emanating from.

Community Involvement

EPA will continue to update the community of the status of the site cleanup. Copies of documents about the site are available at the Smithtown Public Library, 1 North Country Road, Smithtown, New York for review by members of the community.

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